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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST --22 FEBRUARY 1964

1. CYPRUS:

A. WE HAVE NO REPORTS THIS MORNING OF MAJOR DISTURBANCES ON THE ISLAND, BUT TENSION IS STILL VERY HIGH.

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C. MAKARIOS IS TAKING THE POSITION THAT NO ADDITIONAL TROOPS ARE NEEDED ON THE ISLAND AND THAT WHEN A UN FORCE ARRIVES, BRITAIN WILL HAVE TO WITHDRAW AN EQUAL NUMBER.

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E. MEANWHILE, A "BRITISH GO HOME" CAMPAIGN IS GATHERING MOMENTUM ON THE ISLAND, POSSIBLY THE FORERUNNER OF AN ATTEMPT TO FORCE THE BRITISH OFF ALTOGETHER.

F. [REDACTED] GREEK CYPRIOTS ARE STUDYING THE ECONOMIC IMPACT ON THE ISLAND IF BRITAIN WERE FORCED TO GIVE UP ITS TWO MILITARY BASES THERE.

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G. WITH THE SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING NOW PUT OFF UNTIL MONDAY, [REDACTED] U THANT IS MAKING SOME HEADWAY WITH HIS EFFORT TO GET ALL PARTIES TO AGREE ON HOW THE PROBLEM SHOULD BE HANDLED THERE.

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H. GREEK CYPRIOTS FOR THE FIRST TIME HAVE INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS AN INTERNATIONAL FORCE, MEDIATORS, AND THE ISSUE OF TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF CYPRUS WITHOUT INSISTING THE LATTER BE GIVEN PRIORITY.

I. THIS MAY YET PROVE TO BE A STICKING POINT, HOWEVER,

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J. NATO SECRETARY GENERAL STIKKER TELLS US HE KNOWS FOR A FACT THAT DE GAULLE IS PLANNING, IN CASE THE UN GETS NOWHERE, TO PROPOSE THAT ALL TURKISH CYPRIOTS BE REMOVED TO TURKEY, WITH TURKEY TO BE CONCEDED A PART OF GREEK THRACE AS COMPENSATION.

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K. ONLY THE GREEK CYPRIOTS WOULD BE LIKELY TO BUY THIS "IDEA."

L. IN ATHENS, AMBASSADOR LABOUISSSE HAS FOUND PREMIER PAPANDREOU CONFIDENT HE CAN GAIN CONTROL OF THE GREEK CYPRIOTS, INCLUDING MAKARIOS. THE PREMIER SAYS HE HAS ALREADY CONTACTED ALL GREEK CYPRIOT LEADERS AND WARNED THEM AGAINST TAKING ANY OFFENSIVE ACTION.

2. INDONESIA-MALAYSIA:

A. THE INDONESIAN-MALAYSIAN CEASE-FIRE IN BORNEO IS RUNNING PERILOUSLY CLOSE TO THE ROCKS.

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B. GUERRILLAS ATTACKED A MALAYSIAN-BRITISH BORDER PATROL IN SARAWAK THURSDAY, WITH CASUALTIES REPORTED FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE MONTH THAT THE CEASE-FIRE HAS BEEN IN EFFECT.

C. FURTHER CLASHES AND TWO MORE DEATHS ARE REPORTED THIS MORNING.

D. MACAPAGAL, MEANWHILE, HAS ARRIVED IN DJAKARTA FOR TALKS WITH SUKARNO.

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3. DE GAULLE - ERHARD TALKS:

A. ERHARD TALKED BRIEFLY WITH AMBASSADOR MCGHEE ABOUT HIS MEETING LAST WEEKEND WITH DE GAULLE.

B. THE CHANCELLOR HAD BEEN APPREHENSIVE ABOUT THE MEETING BECAUSE OF THE SUBSTANTIAL DIFFERENCES WHICH EXIST, BUT HE FOUND DE GAULLE CANDID AND PLEASANT ENOUGH EVEN WHEN THESE DIFFERENCES WERE MADE APPARENT.

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C. DE GAULLE SAID HE HOPED RECOGNITION MIGHT INDUCE PEIPING TO AGREE TO THE NEUTRALITY OF FORMER FRENCH INDO-CHINA, BUT CONCEDED THERE WAS MUCH "SPECULATION" ABOUT WHAT ADVANTAGES MIGHT ACTUALLY ACCRUE. ERHARD MADE IT CLEAR HE SAW NONE.

D. DE GAULLE DID NOT ARGUE WITH ERHARD'S POINT THAT NEUTRALITY FOR FORMER INDOCHINA WOULD MEAN THE WHOLE AREA WOULD GO COMMUNIST.

E. DE GAULLE SAID HE HAD NO PLANS TO VISIT THE AREA.

F. ON THE MATTER OF "KENNEDY ROUND" TARIFF REDUCTIONS, ERHARD SAID HE FOUND DE GAULLE COMPLETELY NEGATIVE, HIS ARGUMENT BEING THAT THE WORLD WAS IN SUCH BAD SHAPE THAT HE PREFERRED TO PURSUE HIS OWN POLICY.

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H. THE ABSENCE OF A COMMUNIQUE AT THE END OF THE VISIT, ERHARD TOLD MCGHEE, WAS INTENTIONAL, AS IT WOULD ONLY HAVE SERVED TO EMPHASIZE THE GREAT DIFFERENCE IN VIEWPOINTS WHICH THE MEETING EXPOSED.

4. SOMALIA-ETHIOPIA:

A. THE SOMALIS AT ALL LEVELS OF THE GOVERNMENT BELIEVE THAT THE BRITISH AND OURSELVES ARE BACKING THE ETHIOPIANS IN THE BORDER DISPUTE.

C. AMBASSADOR TORBERT IN MOGADISCIO IS WORRIED THAT THE SOMALIS WILL WORK THEMSELVES INTO SUCH A LATHER ABOUT IT THAT THEY WILL BREAK RELATIONS.

5. GABON:

A. MOST OF THE FRENCH TROOPS WHICH RESTORED MBA TO POWER HAVE BEEN WITHDRAWN, ALTHOUGH THERE ARE STILL ENOUGH AROUND LIBREVILLE TO KEEP THE PLACE QUIET.

B. MEANWHILE, REACTION TO THE FRENCH INTERVENTION HAS BEGUN TO SET IN.

C. THERE ARE RUMORS OF UNREST IN THE HINTERLAND, AND GABONESE OPPOSITIONISTS IN NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES, INCLUDING PRESIDENT MBA'S BROTHER, SEEM TO HAVE BEEN SPURRED INTO ACTION BY THE FRENCH INTERVENTION.

6. NOTES:

A. USSR-ZANZIBAR: THE RUSSIANS HAVE APPOINTED ONE OF THEIR RANKING DIPLOMATS AS AMBASSADOR TO ZANZIBAR. AMBASSADOR TO CANADA DURING THE MID-50'S, DMITRI CHUVAKHIN HAS BEEN MOST RECENTLY DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE SOUTHEAST ASIAN DEPARTMENT IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY.

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B. TURKEY: THE ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF INONU  
YESTERDAY WAS THE WORK OF A FANATIC WHOSE MOTIVE HAD LITTLE  
RELEVANCE TO THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN TURKEY AND NOTHING  
TO DO WITH THE CYPRUS PROBLEM.

C. COSTA RICA: THE COSTA RICANS TELL US SOME 26,000  
ACRES OF THEIR COFFEE CROP HAVE BEEN INFESTED WITH INSECTS  
TO SUCH AN EXTENT THAT PRODUCTION IN THE AREA AFFECTED MAY  
BE CUT IN HALF. THEY ARE ASKING FOR ADVICE AND HELP WITH  
SPRAY AND HELICOPTERS.

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